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**PATENT**  
**Docket No. 15916-277**

**Applicant:** Jenkins et al.

**Serial No.:** 09/730,010

**Filing Date:** December 4, 2000

**Title:** Loop Structure Including Inflatable Therapeutic Device

**Group Art Unit:** 3743

**Examiner:** Dagostino

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**REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION  
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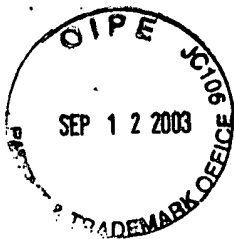
Applicant filed an Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") on April 12, 2003. A copy of the IDS, including the PTO form 1449 and date stamped postcard receipt, is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. The Notice of Allowance does not include any indication that the April 12, 2003 IDS has been considered. Accordingly, applicant hereby requests that the Examiner consider the IDS, initial the PTO form 1449 and return it to applicant with a supplemental Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

9/6/03  
Date

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited documents are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate marks, and that the references be made of record as cited references in the application.

Applicant hereby certifies that no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the statement after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in Section

1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.<sup>1</sup>

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g)), as an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other material information exists. The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any manner.

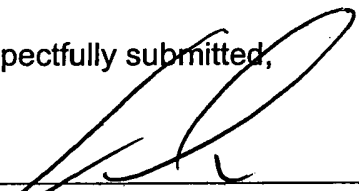
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0638. Should such fees be associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

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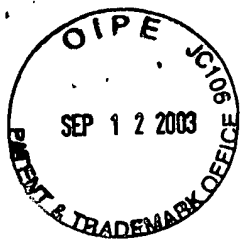
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<sup>1</sup> Applicant respectfully submits that, even if the applications upon which the cited US Patents are based were known to applicant, the US Patents themselves could not have been known to applicant prior to their issue dates. Should the Examiner disagree with this analysis, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative to discuss this matter further.





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